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**Inmate Death at FMC Fort Worth**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, inmate Michael Martinez tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Fort Worth in Fort Worth, Texas, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Monday, December 21, 2020, Mr. Martinez was evaluated by institution medical staff for shortness of breath, and subsequently was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Wednesday, December 30, 2020, his condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Saturday, January 2, 2021, Mr. Martinez, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Martinez was a 75-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Texas to a 360-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute One Kilogram or more of Heroin. He had been in custody at FMC Fort Worth since October 8, 2019.

FMC Fort Worth is an administrative security facility that currently houses 1,243 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at [www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp).

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